



Robert Greene Sterne Edward J. Kessler Jorge A. Goldstein David K.S. Cornwell Robert W. Esmond Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Michele A. Cimbala Michael Q. Lee Steven R. Ludwig John M. Covert Linda E. Alcom Robert C. Millonig Lawrence B. Bugaisky Donald J. Featherstone Michael V. Messinger

Judith U. Kim Timothy J. Shea, Jr. Patrick E. Garrett Jeffrey T. Helvey Heidi L. Kraus Heidi L. Kraus Albert L. Ferro\* Donald R. Banowit Peter A. Jackman Teresa U. Medler Jeffrey S. Weaver Kendrick P. Patterson Vincent L. Capuano Eldora Ellison Floyd Thomas C. Fiala Brian J. Del Buono Virgil Lee Beaston Theodore A. Wood Elizabeth J. Haanes

Joseph S. Ostroff Frank R. Cottingham Christine M. Lhulier Rae Lynn Prengaman George S. Bardmesser Daniel A. Klein\* Daniel A. Klein\*
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht
Andrea J. Kamage
Tracy L. Muller\*
LuAnne M. DeSantis
Ann E. Summerfield
Tiera S. Coston
Aric W. Ledford\*
Helene C. Carlson
Timothy A. Doyle\*
Jesabu I. Lonsworth\*
Jesabu I. Lonsworth\* Gaby L. Longsworth

Lori A. Gordon\* Nicole D. Dretar Ted J. Ebersole Jyoti C. Iyer\* Laura A. Vogel

Registered Patent Agents • Karen R. Markowicz Nancy J. Leith Matthew J. Dowd Katrina Yujian Pei Quach Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Teresa A. Colella Jeffrey S. Lundgren Victoria S. Rutherford Michelle K. Holoubek

Robert H. DeSelms Simon J. Elliott Julie A. Heider Mita Mukherjee Scott M. Woodhouse

Of Counsel Kenneth C. Bass III Evan R. Smith Marvin C. Guthrie

\*Admitted only in Maryland \*Admitted only in Virginia •Practice Limited to

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8578 **INTERNET ADDRESS:** TMEDLER@SKGF.COM

Art Unit 3732

July 15, 2004

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/077,956; Filed: February 20, 2002

Method for Engrafting A Blood Vessel (As Amended)

Inventors:

Our Ref:

P468 CON3 (1737.1910006/TUM)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and 1.
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Teresa U. Medler Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 44,933

TUM/MAP/shr Enclosures

SKGF\_287589.1

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC.: 1100 New York Avenue, NW: Washington, DC 20005: 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540: www.skgf.com



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Leonhardt et al.

Appl. No.: 10/077,956

Filed: February 20, 2002

For: Method for Engrafting A Blood

Vessel (As Amended)

Confirmation No.: 3934

Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: E. Robert

Atty. Docket: P468 CON3 (1737.1910006/TUM)

## Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 5), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet,

  TECHNOLOGY

  CENTER R3700 presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.